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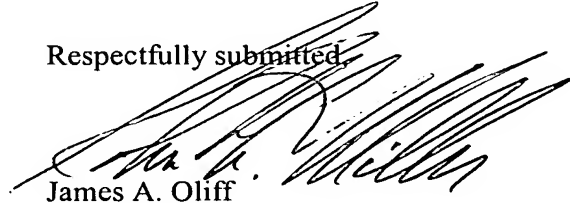
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- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference No. JP U62-68162 appears in the Appendix attached hereto. See Reference No. 10.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference Nos. 2-7.

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	10	JP U 62-68162 (Application No. 60-159052)	4/28/1987	Japan			
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Appendix

JP U 62-68162 (Application No. 60-159052)

A development device provided with a blade contactable onto a photosensitive body and an ejecting part for toner taken by the blade, in a cleaning unit provided in a development unit via a partition wall, wherein the other end of the ejecting part is engaged to a toner supply part of the development unit.

- 1 Development unit
- 2 Toner supply part
- 3 Developing part
- 5 Partition wall
- 7 Cleaning blade
- 8 Toner collecting pipe
- 10 Photosensitive body